

I am very concerned about the proposed Broadcast Flag. It seems to be an attempt by corporate inerests to put unfair restrictions upon the public's use of media.

Not only will the Broadcast Flag circumvent fair use, it will also open a Pandora's Box of problems as attempts are made to enforce the law.

As someone who works in the video game industry, I know that trying to prevent piracy through technology is a joke. One product we released in the last two years was cracked and available on the internet days before the game hit the shelves, even though we'd purchased the latest "unbreakable" copy protection from Macrovision.

Not only was that copy protection broken and distributed widely across the net before the game was even available for legal sale, that same copy protection caused problems for legitmate purchasers of our product who had certain hardware configurations.

As someone who makes a living by producing digital content, I believe that piracy should be prevented and prosecuted by all reasonable means. However technological locks never have been and never will be effective, barring complete invasion of our privacy to install monitors that track our every move.

The Broadcast Flag would require such draconian measures to be effective, and I hope you will have the sense to reject something that will be a costly and inconvenient failue, or a sucess that costs us our liberty.

Please reject the Broadcast Flag.